

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE—REFERENCE OF.

DECEMBER 22, 1847.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. VINTON, on leave, submitted the following

RESOLUTIONS:

1st. *Resolved*, That so much of the annual message of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress at the present session, as has reference to the relations of the United States with foreign nations—to the causes that brought on the war with Mexico—to the alleged invasion by Mexico of the State of Texas—to the commencement of hostilities—to the efforts made by the President of the United States to obtain a peace—to the cession by Mexico to the United States of a portion of her territory as an indemnity for our claims on her—to a release of Mexico from her liabilities to our citizens, and the assumption of their payment by the United States, together with the recommendation that the provinces of New Mexico and the Californias should be retained by the United States as an indemnity—that they should hereafter be considered constituent parts of our country, and the civil laws and jurisdiction of the United States extended over them; and the recommendation that the other Mexican provinces which have been reduced to our possession by conquest should continue to be held as a means of coercing Mexico to terms of peace, and that adequate compensation should be fixed by law for such officers, both civil and military, as may be employed to conduct such government, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2d. That so much of said message as recommends that Territorial governments be established in New Mexico and the Californias, and the establishment of a Territorial government in Oregon, be referred to the Committee on Territories.

3d. That so much of said message as relates to the state and condition of the army, to its increase, and to its operations in Mexico, together with the report of the Secretary of War accompanying said message, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

4th. That so much of said message as relates to the establishment of tribunals to try and punish crimes, and exercise jurisdiction in civil cases over American citizens in China, and so much as relates to the imposition and collection of duties on imports into the ports of Mexico by order of the President of the United States, and the disbursement of the moneys so collected, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to said committee to inquire and report by what law or authority said duties are imposed and said moneys disbursed.

5th. That so much of said message as relates to the commerce, tonnage, Tiffin & Streeper, printers.

and navigation of the country, and to the influence which the operations of the sub-treasury, the exclusion of the receipt of bank paper in payment of dues to the government, and the tariff act of the 30th of July, A. D. 1846, have had, and will have, on the trade and currency of the country, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to these subjects, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

6th. That so much of said message as relates to the subject of manufactures, and to the influence of the tariff act of the 30th July, A. D. 1846, on the manufactures of the country, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to this subject, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

7th. That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the navy, together with the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Navy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

8th. That so much of said message as relates to the revenue, to the public debt, to the increase thereof, to the creation of a sinking-fund, to a duty on tea and coffee, to the collection, safe keeping, and disbursement of the public moneys, to the coinage, and the establishment of a branch mint at the city of New York, to the amendment of the sub-treasury act, to the estimated expenditures of the government, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to these subjects, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

9th. That so much of said message as relates to the public lands, to the graduation and reduction of the price thereof, to the amendment of the pre-emption laws, to the surveying and bringing into market the lands in Oregon, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to these subjects, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

10th. That so much of said message as relates to the Indian tribes and to our intercourse with them, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of War as relates to this subject, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

11th. That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the Post Office Department, to the collection in the British post office of discriminating postages on letters and other mailable matter transported in American mail steamers, together with the accompanying report of the Postmaster General, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

12th. That so much of said message as relates to agriculture, and to the relief which is therein alleged it has derived from the burdens of the protective policy, under the operation of the tariff act of the 30th of July, A. D. 1846, and so much of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to this subject, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

13th. That so much of said message as recommends that provision be made for the families of those who have fallen or died in the service in Mexico, be referred to a select committee.

14th. That so much of said message as declares that it may become proper for our commanding generals in the field to give encouragement and assurances of protection to such friends of peace in Mexico as will establish a government there, able and willing to conclude a peace with us, "and secure to us the indemnity we demand," be referred to a select committee.

15th. That so much of said message as relates to the manner in which the war with Mexico ought to be prosecuted, and the policy that should be pursued in respect to it, be referred to a select committee.